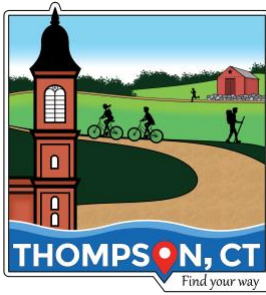


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**Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 6:30pm  
Zoom**

1. Call to order/Record – The call to order was by Recreation Director Lesley Munshower at 6:35pm.
2. Roll call – Renee Waldron (Town Clerk), Lesley Munshower (Recreation Director), Cynthia Antos, Robert Monahan, Wayne Barber, Rob L’Heureux, Ashley Pomes (Recording Secretary)  
Absent: Steve Bordua (Chairman), Tom Jourdan, Diane Keefe
3. Minutes review: March 10, 2021 – **A motion was made by R. Waldron, seconded by C. Antos, to accept the minutes as written. All in favor.**
4. Financial Reports
  - A. General Fund Budget Report – There were some savings in areas with programs that did not run or ran differently than originally budgeted for and in payroll with less hours worked. There will be approximately \$4000-5000 left to go back into the general fund.
  - B. Fund Balance – A program surplus is anticipated, there are some donations that have been received that still need to be added to the REC account.
  - C. Miscellaneous Revolving Account Report – Currently sits at \$8,431.28. There are still some expenses to come out and things that need to be moved but the fiscal year should close out near this amount.
5. Director’s Report A. Purely Recreation
  - B. Special Events –Family Trivia Night (March), Easter Egg Hunt (April), Art Show (April), April Clean Up (April), Maker Fair (May), Summer Concerts (July/August), Town Wide Tag Sale (August), Fairy Fest (August) – Purely Rec has ended with a successful year, there was an end of the year party that was held. There is only \$270 in collections. The Community Art show was a great event, REC Commissioner Bob Monahan had art work in the show! April cleanup and the Easter egg hunt around Town were both successful events. The Maker Fair was great, there was 80 vendors, between 3,000-4,000 people attended that day with lots of people asking about opportunities to be a vendor in Riverside Park. There are 4 summer concerts planned on Saturday and Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> as well as Saturday and Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. There are food vendors scheduled to be there on all days except for the first concert on the 24<sup>th</sup>. L. Munshower also offers to W. Barber if the Little League is interested in setting up to sell some concession snacks during the events, they are welcome to do that. Fairy Fest will be in Thompson this year on August 28<sup>th</sup>, they are looking for volunteers to help on the day of the event.



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- C. Adult Programs – Yoga will be staying online for the Saturday classes and moving back to in person for the Tuesday evening classes starting in July.
- D. Senior Programs – Senior Strength and Balance will be staying online for now. It is working out well for many that go on vacation to still be able to attend even while away from home. Line dancing will resume in September.
- E. Youth Programs – There was an online craft class in April as well as a babysitting course that ran in May with full attendance. There is going to be a one weeklong art and nature camp program that currently has 7 participants as well as an Airline Trail youth hiking program.
- F. Summer Camp – Summer camp is up and running with 20-25 campers each week. The camp is running at the school from 8:00am – 4:00pm. While indoors all campers and staff do have to wear masks. There will be a jump start program the last two weeks before school starts. It will be academics in the morning and recreation in the afternoon, the school is paying for the REC staff those two weeks. I

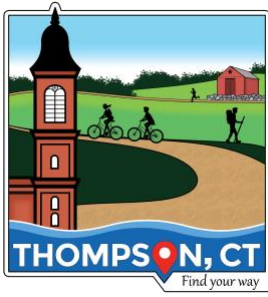
### 6. New Business

A. Department Update – Steve Bordua has resigned as Chairman and will no longer be a part of the Recreation Commission. I have resigned from my position as Recording Secretary with this being my last meeting. Lesley Munshower has resigned from her position as Recreation Director. Her last day in the office will be July 9<sup>th</sup> and her last day working will be July 16<sup>th</sup>. She has been offered a new position as the Recreation Director for the Town of Coventry. L. Munshower speaks of the value that Recreation adds to a community and stresses the importance of keeping things moving in the positive direction. She says it was a hard decision to leave Thompson. All the members of the Commission thank her for the great work that she has done and wish her well in the future! **A motion is made by C. Antos, seconded by R. Monahan, to make Renee Waldron the temporary Chair of the Thompson Recreation Commission. All in favor.** R. Waldron shared her screen with information on neighboring towns Brooklyn, Putnam and Killingly and the pay that their Recreation Director's makes which is a large amount more than Thompson. She shows proposed changes to various events funding and current pay scales to bring some more funds into the Recreation Director position before hiring someone new for the position. **A motion is made by C. Antos, seconded by R. L'Heureux, to take the proposed changes for the Recreation Department budget to the Board of Selectman, increasing the Recreation Director salary on the job posting and making the listed adjustments in the other categories. All in favor.** (A copy of the proposed budget changes will be attached to the bottom of these minutes.)

7. Other comments from the Commission – R. L'Heureux wishes Lesley the best of luck!

8. Correspondence - None

9. Citizens' Comments - None



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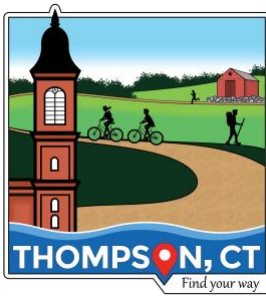
**10. Announcements:**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 @ 6:30 PM – There is the possibility of another meeting or some other gathering sooner than this regularly scheduled meeting due to the hiring of a new Recreation Director. C. Antos mentions she would like to be a part of the hiring committee if possible.

**11. Adjourn – A motion to adjourn the meeting is made by C. Antos, seconded by R. Monahan. All in favor. The meeting is adjourned at 7:20pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ashley Pomes*



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Proposed Changes to Recreation Department Budget July 1, 2021					
	Current	Proposed			
Recreation Director	\$ 53,291.00	\$ (58,500.00)			
Part-time Payroll	\$ 16,520.00	\$ (14,000.00)		1 PT 16/hrs wk	
Secretary	\$ 906.00	\$ (800.00)		10 mtgs	
Total Payroll	\$ 70,717.00	\$ (73,300.00)	\$ (2,583.00)		
Halloween	\$ 1,200.00	\$ (100.00)			
Easter Egg	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (100.00)			
Advertising	\$ 2,250.00	\$ (350.00)			
Current Director last pay		\$ (2,041.80)		1 pay period	
			\$ (2,591.80)		
	Salary	Population			
Brooklyn	\$ 72,000.00	8951			
Putnam	\$ 72,000.00	10200			
Killingly	high 80,000	17900			
Thompson	\$ 53,291.00	9600			